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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

## Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1. (original) A method to visualize a fluorescent protein through the skin of an intact subject, which method comprises applying excitation light to said subject using a portable light source with an attached first filter and observing emission from said protein through a second filter.
- 2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the portable light source is an LED flashlight.
- 3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 or 2, wherein the second filter is provided as a goggle.
- 4. (currently amended) The method of any of claim[[s]] 1 [[1-3]], wherein said fluorescent protein is expressed in tumor cells.
- 5. (original) The method of claim 4, wherein said tumor cells are orthotopically implanted in an immunocompromised or syngeneic animal.
- 6. (currently amended) The method of any-of claim[[s]] 1 [[1-3]], wherein the fluorescent protein is expressed by an infectious agent.
- 7. (currently amended) The method of any of claim[[s]] 1[[1-3]], wherein the fluorescent protein is operatively linked to the control system for a gene whose expression is to be studied.
- 8. (currently amended) The method of any of claim[[s]] 1 [[1-3]], wherein observation is made of more than one fluorescent protein.

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9. (original) A method for monitoring tumor growth in an intact subject comprising:

applying excitation light using a portable excitation source with a first filter to a subject comprising tumor cells labeled with fluorescent protein; and

observing the location(s) of said tumor cells in the intact subject using a second filter.

- 10. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein said applying of excitation light and observing are conducted as a function of time.
- 11. (currently amended) The method of claim 9 or 10, which further comprises treating said subject with a candidate protocol and comparing the location(s) of tumor cells in said subject treated with the protocol with the location(s) of tumor cells in a subject not treated with the protocol.
- 12. (original) A method for monitoring gene expression in an intact subject which method comprises

applying an excitation light from a portable excitation source with a first filter to a subject comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a fluorescent protein operably linked to control sequences associated with a gene whose expression is to be monitored and

observing the presence or amount of fluorescent protein in the intact subject using a second filter.

- 13. (original) The method of claim 12, wherein said applying of excitation light and observing are conducted as a function of time.
- 14. (currently amended) The method of claim 12 or 13, which further comprises providing a stimulus to said subject and comparing the level of fluorescence emitted by the subject provided the stimulus to that emitted by a subject not provided with said stimulus.

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15. (original) A method to monitor the progress of infection in a subject which method comprises

applying excitation light using a portable excitation source with a first filter to a subject comprising an infectious agent labeled with fluorescent protein, and

observing the location(s) of said infectious agent in the intact subject using a second filter.

- 16. (original) The method of claim 15, wherein said applying of excitation light and observing are conducted as a function of time.
- 17. (currently amended) The method of claim 15 or 16, which further comprises treating said subject with a candidate protocol and comparing the location(s) of infectious agent in said subject treated with said protocol with the location(s) of infectious agent in a subject not treated with the protocol.